

TheBus Service Changes Planned for June 2005

**City and County of Honolulu
Department of Transportation Services
Public Transit Division**

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TheBus SERVICE ELIMINATION

This document describes proposed elimination of TheBus Routes E, 87, and 303, scheduled for June 2005.

Reason for the service elimination

Route E “TheTransit” (Waikiki - Aala Park)

In order to operate Route E, the City in part, reduced service on Route 8. There were no funds allocated for Route E. The City finds that the benefits of operating Route E only worsened conditions on Route 8. Therefore, we recommend that Route 8 be restored to pre-Route E service levels and Route E be eliminated.

Route 303 Kaimuki - Kapahulu – Waikiki

In the Fiscal Year 2005 budget, City Council did not provide funding for Route 303. We were required to use \$240,000 from the OTS’ overall budget to run Route 303. The only way to provide the service within the budget constraints was to cancel the contract with the private operator and to have Route operated by TheBus. Route 303’s service performance has deteriorated since October 2004. Ridership has decreased from an average of over 500 passenger boardings per day to around 200 passenger boardings per day. Therefore, we recommend that Route 303 be eliminated.

Route 87 Aloha Stadium Express

Route 87 is an express route operating only two trips in the AM peak period from Aloha Stadium, and one trip in the PM peak period to Aloha Stadium. Route 87 carries an average of 34 passengers per day or 11 passengers per bus trip. The City finds that it cannot operate this service with an average daily ridership of 34 per day when other TheBus routes provide similar service.

General Description of Service Reductions and Modifications

As of June 5, 2005 Routes E, 87, and 303 will no longer operate. Route 8 will be restored to operate its pre-route E service level.

Route E elimination in June 2005

- **Route E** – Service on this route will cease effective June 5, 2005. Please see Attachment A for a description of alternate service.
- **Route 87** – Service on this route will cease effective June 5, 2005. Please see Attachment A for a description of alternate service.
- **Route 303** – Service on this route will cease effective June 5, 2005. Please see Attachment A for a description of alternate service.

Public Hearing

Your comments are requested and welcome. A public hearing will be held by the Public Transit Division, Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, at the following location and time for the purpose of providing all citizens the opportunity to present their views on the service reductions and route modifications to be made in June 2005:

Attendees may register at the hearing to present oral testimony, which will be limited to three minutes. Two written copies of oral testimony must be submitted. Written testimony may be presented in lieu of oral testimony. A court reporter will be present to record oral testimony.

If you cannot attend our public hearing, you may submit your comments in writing until 4:30 PM, March 28, 2005, the date of the final hearing. Written testimony may be delivered or mailed to:

Department of Transportation Services
Public Transit Division
650 South King Street, third floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Written testimony received after 4:30 pm, March 28,2005, the date of the final hearing, whether in person or by mail, may not be included in the record of the hearing.

Testimony given at the hearing will not be responded to at the hearing, and questions posed in testimony will not be answered at the hearing. If proper contact information is given, we will make every effort to respond at a later date.

Attachment A

Existing Alternate Service For Routes Eliminated June 2005

- Route E Alternatives:
 - Waikiki to Ala Moana Center:
 - Route 8, 19, 20, 42, 58
 - Waikiki to Downtown (Central Business District, Chinatown, Aala Park) via Ala Moana Center, Ward Center, Kakaako, Aloha Tower Marketplace:
 - Route 19, 20
 - Route 42 (does not serve Aloha Tower Marketplace)
 - Waikiki to Downtown direct (Central Business District, Chinatown, Aala Park):
 - Route B, 2, 13
 - Route B will be modified to operate in Kalakaua Avenue in the east bound direction and return on Kuhio Avenue via Kapahulu
 - Ala Moana Center to Ward Center, Downtown (Central Business District):
 - Route 6
 - Route 55, 56, 57 (also serve Aloha Tower Marketplace)
 - Downtown (Central Business District) to UH Medical School:
 - Route 65

- Route 87 Alternatives:
 - Aloha Stadium to Downtown, Ala Moana Center and University of Hawaii at Manoa:
 - Route A
 - Downtown to University of Hawaii at Manoa:
 - Route 1 (transfer to A, 4, at University Ave. at King St. or 6 at Kaheka St. at King St.) 4, 6 (via Ala Moana Center)
 - Ala Moana Center to University of Hawaii at Manoa:
 - Route A, 6, 18
- Route 303 Alternatives:
 - Waikiki to Kapahulu, Market City, Kaimuki High School:
 - Route 14
 - Waikiki to Kaimuki:
 - Route 14 to Waialae Avenue, transfer to Route 1
 - Waikiki to University of Hawaii at Manoa:
 - Route 4
 - Route 14, transfer to Rt. 18 at Market City, Kapahulu / Kaimuki High School